

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application. Claims 19, 23, 24, 30, 31, 41, and 42 are rejected, claims 20-22 and 25-29 are objected to, and claims 1-18 and 32-40 are allowed. Claims 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 22-28, 30, and 31 are amended, and claims 19, 41, and 42 are canceled. No new matter is added. The rejections are respectfully traversed in light of the following remarks, and reconsideration is requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification and claims. The specification and claims have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner.

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Objected to Claims

Claims 20-22 and 25-29 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claims. Claims 20 and 22 are amended as independent claims to recite the limitations of base claim 19. Claim 21 depends on claim 20, which is now allowable. Claim 25 is amended as an independent claim to recite the limitations of intervening claims 23 and 19. Claims 26-28 are amended as independent claims to recite the limitations of base claim 19. Claim 29 depends on claim 28, which is now allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to claims 20-22 and 25-29.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 19, 23, 24, 30, 31, 41, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nishikawa et al.

Claims 19, 41, and 42 are canceled.

Claim 23 is amended to depend on allowable claim 22. Claim 24 is amended to depend on now allowable claim 23.

Claims 30 and 31 are amended to depend on now allowable claim 27.

Accordingly, Applicant's respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102.

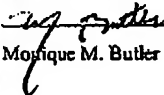
Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-18 and 32-40.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe pending claims 1-18 and 20-40 are allowable, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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